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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10:30 a.m., Monday, February 18, 1957  
Room 1213 Malatico

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Attendance

MDAC

Mr. Hale, Chairman  
Mr. Levin  
Mr. Wight  
Mr. Kramer, Executive Secretary  
Mrs. Lese, Committee Secretary

Defense

Col. Green


ICA

Mr. Slaght

State

Mr. Wright

CIA

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Commerce

Mr. Hockersmith  
Mr. George

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Agenda

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Note a. Contemplated Change in PL 480.

The Chairman told the group that he had been informed by the General Counsel that the Bureau of the Budget has requested responses from Executive Branch agencies regarding legislative changes in PL 480. One of the provisos in the Senate proposed revision states that barter should be allowed with countries other than the USSR, Communist China, and North Korea. The State Department has recommended that North Vietnam and Outer Mongolia be added. DD/MDAC has been asked merely to concur or non-concur. If there is any feeling among the agencies that this would be detrimental to economic defense policy, the Chairman asked to be so informed. The members agreed to check with their principals and report to the Chairman within the next 24 hours. [DD/MDAC subsequently concurred.]

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2. EDAC Work Program (General Policy).

Decision

It was agreed that outlines will be drafted by agencies accepting responsibility for each paragraph on the proposed Courses of Action. Outlines will, as a minimum, list the elements of an appropriate work program necessary to accomplish the desired action, fix priorities where appropriate and designate the EDAC Working Group or agency which shall be responsible for the actions or elements of the actions. Draft outlines should be available to the Executive Committee before March 1 and will be sent to the EDAC Secretariat as soon as possible in order that necessary meetings of the EC can be scheduled for review purposes.

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Discussion

The Chairman suggested a paragraph by paragraph review, 9 through 22, of the Courses of Action in the proposed policy statement with the intent of drafting a work program to be ready for EDAC consideration as soon as the policy paper has been approved. He called attention to EDAC D-55, 55a, 55b, 55c, which had been prepared as a work program under NSC 152/3. EDAC D-121/WG I, 121/WG II, and 121/WG III were mentioned as sources of reference for the drafters. This paper, as distinct from U. S. position papers for CG, should cover all the points necessary in broad and general terms. EDAC will be asked to adopt a work program which fixes responsibility for actions on each Course of Action on Working Groups, agencies, or elements of the Government whose terms of reference appropriately include these Courses of Action.

Agreement was reached among the members to delegate the drafting work as follows:

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| State    | 9, 13, 17, 18  |
| MDAC     | 10, 15, 22     |
| Commerce | 11, 12, 19, 20 |
| CIA      | 14             |
| Defense  | 16             |

[Work will be deferred on para. 21 until the new EC paper has been presented to EDAC.]

The Chairman noted that only an outline of a work program is required under this assignment, hence, the drafters' submissions should be brief. He requested that the members submit to the EDAC Secretariat the papers on the paragraphs assigned to them as soon as they are completed so that Executive Committee meetings can be scheduled by March 1 for consideration of each outline as it becomes available. The Chairman felt it would be desirable to present the final draft work program to EDAC as soon after March 15 as feasible.

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